and Introduced Count Alfieri, He Is melancholy-looking and reserved, but very clever.

The anti-Court people say of the Queen that the difference between her and Madame du BarrI is, that the latter ss quItta le public pour le roi, et la reine quitte le roi pour le public/[9] Very spiteful.[1]

The fate of favourites has ever been the same. Madame de Maintenon, seeing some carp which did not look happy, being put into the lake, said to someone, " Elles sont comme moi — elles regrettent leur bourbe;" and Madame de Pompadour once said to the Duke de Choiseul, "Je voudrais ftre morte I si vous saviez ce que c'est que d'etre obligee d'amuser toujours nn b6te qui s'ennuie.[5]"

4th. A party at Madame Hubers, where we met Madame de Stael, daughter to Necker, She is clever, dictatorial, talkative and seemingly not unaware of her own merits. She is very plain, and. I am told she said, *'Je donnerais la moiti6 de mon esprit pour la beaut6 de Madame de Simlani/' who is thought the handsomest woman now In Paris.

Madame de Stael went to a *bal*

masque, dis-

[1] Mr. Swinburne ought rather to have said "most calumnious."